

RADIO STAMPS
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Hello again to radio listeners and stamp collectors around the world. You're tuned to the monthly program that's all about the fun of collecting stamps on the topic of radio. If you're listening for the first time, a special welcome to you. If you're a regular listener, welcome back again.

This program combines the fun of listening to international radio and collecting stamps all about radio. There are dozens of radio subjects you can collect on stamps, including radio stations, inventors and amateur radio, to name just a few. Collecting radio stamps is another great way to enjoy the radio hobby.

Regular features on this program include descriptions of stamps to collect, and discussions of radio stamps on stamps. I also have contests to win radio stamps.

I hope you'll join me each month, here on HCJB. I also hope you'll write to me with your comments and news for the program. If there's a radio subject you'd like to hear about, drop me a line and let me know. I'll give you my mailing address at the end of this feature.

Contest Winners

This is program number 14 and its time to announce the 10 international winners of the first day cover contest from a few months ago. Back on program 11, listeners around the world were invited to write to me with the year that Radio Havana Cuba started broadcasting. 1991 is the 30th anniversary of the station, and the correct answer for the contest is 1961. I entered all the correct answers I received in 2 draws: 1 for listeners in the western hemisphere, and 1 for listeners in the eastern hemisphere. There are 5 winners to be announced today for each draw.

A month before the contest, on program 10, I provided a checklist of Cuban stamps that have been issued since 1962 to commemorate the broadcasting anniversaries of Radio Havana Cuba. These attractive stamps, commemorating 24 years of international broadcasting, would certainly make great additions to your collection. The last anniversary stamp for Radio Havana Cuba was

issued on May 1, 1986, for the station's 25th anniversary. This colourful stamp features two stylized tape reels, in white, blue and red, with yellow or gold tape between the reels forming the number 25. It also includes the distinctive island and radio waves logo of the station.

Today I'm giving away 10 first day covers for this special commemorative stamp. The 10 prizes for this worldwide contest were provided by Rolando Pelaez, Head of the Correspondence Department at Radio Havana Cuba. Thank you again Rolando. The contest is also sponsored today by the Canadian International DX Club. CIDX is underwriting the postage costs to mail the prizes to the 10 winners in 7 different countries around the world. A special thanks to Sheldon Harvey, President, for the Club's generous support of this contest. The Canadian International DX Club has membership across Canada and the United States, and around the world. If you'd like to write for information about the CIDX, and its monthly bulletin the Messenger, here's the address: Canadian International DX Club, 79 Kipps Street, Greenfield Park, Quebec, J4V 3B1, Canada. The address again is...

And now, on to the contest winners. I'm joined today on the Radio Stamps program by 2 shortwave listeners from Germany: Shirley Hofmann and Rupert Volz. Shirley and Rupert are on a visit to Canada, and I'd like them to announce the winners for the Radio Stamps contest.

Hello to shortwave listeners around the world. This is Shirley Hofmann from Constance, Germany. The 5 winners today for the western hemisphere draw, on the Radio Stamps program from HCJB in Quito, Ecuador, are:

John Brand, Don Mills, Canada
Sherry Bruce, Barataria, Trinidad & Tobago
Rev. William Peake, Buffalo Center, United States
Bruce Robinson, West Jordan, United States
Wade Smith, Chipman, Canada

Hello to radio stamp collectors everywhere. This is Rupert Volz from Constance, Germany. The 5 winners today for the eastern hemisphere draw are:

Pat Greenall, Christchurch, New Zealand
Stephen Newlyn, Elizabeth Downs, Australia
Alexander Schulz-Luckenbach, Taunusstein, Germany
Edwin Southwell, Hants, England
Volker Wachtendorf, Clausthal, Germany

Congratulations to one and all! Your prizes are on their way to you by air mail, and should arrive soon.

Thank you Shirley and Rupert. I hope too that many listeners were able to collect the unique first day cover for the 30th anniversary of Radio Havana Cuba. The 1986 first day cover, for the station's

25th anniversary, was re-issued this year with a special cancellation for the 30th anniversary on May 1st. It's the first time in philatelic history, that I know of, where a first day cover for a radio anniversary has been re-issued at a later date, with a special cancellation for the new anniversary. This is a philatelic treasure that would be a welcome addition to any radio stamps collection.

That's all for today's program. Next month I'll be reviewing the commemorative stamps, first day cover and other items from Australia, for the issue on June 13 of "radio days". This is the most impressive issue I've ever seen for a collection of radio stamps. I hope you'll be listening.

As promised, here's my mailing address. I'd be pleased to receive your comments and your news for the program. Neil Carleton. P.O. Box 1644, Almonte, Ontario, K0A 1A0, Canada. The address again is ... Until next time, best wishes for good listening and collecting.